

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) An arrangement for fixing a windscreen wiper blade on an arm, said blade having a through transverse pivot spindle configured to form a pivoting connection with said arm and said arm having an end rod, the arrangement comprising:  
     an adapter mounted on said blade, in which said rod is fitted longitudinally, ~~and;~~  
     a web ~~disposed~~ disposed on a top portion of the adapter with a longitudinal opening allowing passage of said rod when said rod is fitted; and  
     an entry opening provided on an end portion of the adapter to accept the rod, wherein the entry opening is formed separately from the longitudinal opening, and wherein when the rod has been locked in the adapter, the rod is disposed through the entry opening without being disposed through the longitudinal opening.
  
2. (Previously Presented) The arrangement according to Claim 1, wherein said adapter comprises:  
     a substantially U-shaped cross section whose flanges each have an orifice for snapping onto said spindle an entry end of which is open, and  
     means for the transverse and longitudinal locking of said arm.
  
3. (Previously Presented) The arrangement according to Claim 2, wherein the longitudinal locking means comprises an articulated part provided with a tenon fitted in an orifice arranged on the rod, when the latter is fitted.
  
4. (Previously Presented) The arrangement according to Claim 3, wherein the locking means comprises a cross-member articulated on the adapter by means of at least one flexible tongue, carrying said tenon and forming, with the web of the adapter at its entry end, a positioning channel for the rod.
  
5. (Previously Presented) The arrangement according to Claim 2, wherein the longitudinal locking means comprises a housing arranged on the adapter in which a stop on the rod comes into engagement, when the latter is fitted.

6. (Previously Presented) The arrangement according to Claim 5, wherein said housing is arranged on said web of the adapter close to an end of the adapter opposite to the entry end and said stop arranged at the end of the rod.
7. (Previously Presented) The arrangement according to Claim 6, wherein said housing is conformed by virtue of a profiled snapping-in rib on the internal surface of the adapter and said stop is a profiled catch at the end of the rod.
8. (Previously Presented) The arrangement according to Claim 2, wherein the adapter has at least one fixed cross-member for the transverse locking of the rod.
9. (Canceled)
10. (Previously Presented) The arrangement according to Claim 1, wherein the longitudinal opening allows an upwardly inclined passage of said rod when said rod is fitted.
11. (Previously Presented) The arrangement according to Claim 1, wherein said adapter further comprises an opening on a side of said adapter to allow transverse passage of said rod.